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SUBJ: CHILEAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN OCEANOGRAPHY PROGRAM.

1. NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICE (ODEPLAN) DIRECTOR, ROBERTO KELLY, RECENTLY CALLED ON CHARGE AND EXPRESSED CHILE'S INTEREST IN ACQUIRING OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL AND SCIENTIFIC TRAINING TO DEVELOP CHILE'S OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH CAPABILITIES. KELLY ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY COULD LOCATE POSSIBLE SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE FOR THESE TWO AREAS IN THE US. HE SAID FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WOULD BE TO DETERMINE EXTENT AND EXPLOITABILITY OF FOOD SOURCES FROM CHILEAN WATERS. KELLY HAD IDEA, HOWEVER, THAT RESEARCH VESSEL AND SCIENTIST WOULD ALSO EXAMINE OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES AND DO BASIC RESEARCH.

2. KELLY EXPLAINED THAT CHILE CURRENTLY HAS HANDFUL OF TRAINED OCEANOGRAPHERS, MOSTLY CONNECTED TO CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF VALPARAISO. OTHER MAJOR AGENCY DEALING WITH THIS SUBJECT IS HYDROGRAPHIC INSTITUTE OF NAVY, ALSO LOCATED IN VALPARAISO. SHOULD RESEARCH VESSEL BE OBTAINED, KELLY SAID CREW WOULD COME FROM NAVY ALTHOUGH VESSEL REGISTRATION AND RESEARCH PERSONNEL WOULD BE CIVILIANS. HE HAD IN MIND TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH WOULD SEND PROMISING SCIENTISTS TO US FOR ADVANCED TRAINING AND BRINGING US EXPORTS

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TO CHILE FOR RESEARCH AND TEACHING AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF

VALPARAISO UNDER SOME SORT OF UNIVERSITY-TO-UNIVERSITY
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

3. CHARGE TOLD KELLY THAT EMBASSY WOULD TRY TO FIND OUT FROM
DEPARTMENT NAMES OF KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS IN US TO EXPLORE
HIS REQUEST FURTHER. KELLY WAS TOLD THAT IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO
LOCATE VESSEL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE IF FOCUS OF INVESTIGATION WERE
MORE CLEARLY DEFINED. HE WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT FAO IN PAST
HAS SUPPLIED FISHING RESEARCH VESSELS TO SOME COUNTRIES.

4. MILGP COMMANDER SANTIAGO IS NOW CHECKING THROUGH
MILITARY CHANNELS COMUSMILGP SANTIAGO 21 1806Z NOV 73 TO ASCERTAIN
WHETHER ANY OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR GRANT,
LEASE, OR SALE TO CHILE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ALTHOUGH KELLY'S IDEA IS
OBVIOUSLY IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE, WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS ON PERSONS TO PUT IN CONTACT WITH
HIM. UNIVERSITIES SUCH AS OREGON STATE AND UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII AS WELL AS SCRIPPS INSTITUTE HAVE ACTIVE RESEARCH
PROGRAM IN CHILEAN WATERS. SUGGEST THEIR IDEAS MIGHT
ALSO BE SOLICITED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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